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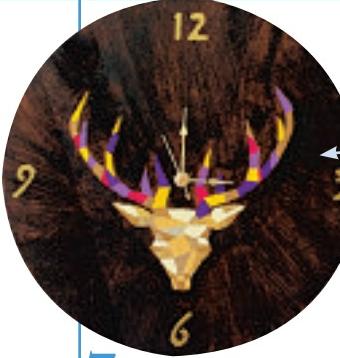
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Eat, Drink, Do's weekly look at a month's worth of sports, tunes, foodie and boozy fun and more

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
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20	Head back to Page 2 for today's Eat, Drink, Do events.		UGLY SWEATER PARTY AT FLAGSHIP TAVERN & GRILL 1622 W. Belmont Ave. 773-281-3805 Festivities include Christmas-themed trivia, a DJ, holiday movie screenings, an ugly sweater contest and \$5 seasonal drinks. 7 p.m. No cover.	MATZO BASH AT SOUND-BAR 226 W. Ontario St. 312-787-4480 The annual Jewish mixer features an appetizer buffet, drinks and music from DJs Paul Michaels and Fast Lane. 8 p.m.-4 a.m. \$20-\$25. Tickets: matzobash.com	BULLS AT OKLAHOMA CITY THUNDER ABC The Bulls travel for the holidays and face off against Russell Westbrook and company. Let's hope this game is a gift for Chicago fans. 1:30 p.m.	
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10TH ANNIVERSARY WINE BASH AT QUARTINO 626 N. State St. 312-698-5000 The River North spot celebrates by serving Italian wines, pizza, pasta, salumi and other bites. 5-7 p.m. \$10. Tickets: quartinochicago.com		BLOCK PRINTING: VALENTINE'S DAY CARDS AT FASHION DESIGN CENTER 1200 W. 35th St. 312-204-7313 Learn carving techniques, how to mix and apply inks, and hand-printing methods for paper as you design your own cards. 6-9 p.m. \$54. Tickets: urbanthreadsstudio.org		ART & CRAFT SOCIAL AT DERBY BAR & GRILL 1224 W. Webster Ave. 773-248-0900 Customize a wooden clock using paint, stain and stencils. 6:30-8:30 p.m. \$45. Tickets: panache-party.com	THODOS DANCE CHICAGO AT AUDITORIUM THEATRE OF ROOSEVELT UNIVERSITY 50 E. Congress Parkway 800-982-2787 See the world premiere of "Sono's Journey," the story of Japanese-American dancer Sono Osato. \$28-\$68. 7:30 p.m. Tickets: auditoriumtheatre.org	ALLUVION DANCE CHICAGO BENEFIT AT CURTISS HALL 410 S. Michigan Ave. The bash features a preview of the dance company's April show, live music, Revolution Brewing beer and a silent auction. 6-9 p.m. \$35. alluviondancechi.bpt.me

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Please keep sending these five Snapchat photos (cough)



The Social Media Pessimist
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It only makes sense to fire off a photo of yourself in a public bathroom mirror to your entire Snapchat contact list. Because it disappears—much like your dignity.

Right? I mean, no doy! You can't pass up this golden opportunity, am I right? This crisp lighting got you lookin' right. #style

You've come a long way from your fourth-grade teacher writing "Needs to show more creativity" on your report card at the end of the year.

I mean, look at you. You've got a full-time job, your own apartment and only \$1,100 in credit card debt. You're the goddamn epitome of an adult right now. Ain't a **#basicbitch** bone in your body.

Your use of Snapchat is top-notch. So, let's for sure commend your on-fleekness and highlight five more Snapchat photos you should definitely keep sending into 2016.

I highlighted my five favorites earlier this fall, and due to popular demand, it's only fair to add more because let's be honest ... the list is lengthy.

1. The "I'm in an Uber Right Now": Rather than converse with the driver or respond to work emails that you've been neglecting, you send photos and/or videos of your reaction to being in the back of an Uber. Boy is your life full of surprises. And probably 2-star ratings as a passenger. Also, uh, thanks for sending this to me. It really provided value to my life.

2. The "I'm Shirtless": Yes, yes you are. You aren't currently wearing a shirt. Isn't that something? Upon becoming shirtless, you had the thought of sending a photograph of your 25.1 BMI-rated body to me in a Snapchat. And then you did. Would you mind going and asking your girlfriend to do this

instead for me? Because, uh, I'm close to throwing up that Taco Bell drive-thru order I scarfed down way too fast in the back of my Uber.

3. The "Look, My Cat Doesn't Move": You have a cat. And naturally—to convince yourself that purchasing it wasn't the stupidest move in the world—you take photos of him sleeping on top of the microwave and Snapchat them, countless times a day, to everyone you know. Sorry, but not meow and not later will we ever care.

4. The "I'm Going to Try Out Every Filter in Order": Sepia, black and white, videos in reverse, banners of which neighborhood you're currently in ... the list goes on. When Snapchat releases new options to filter photographs or videos with, you make sure to try 'em all and, in turn, send 'em all, one by one, to us. If only there was a place you could go to meet real people to hang out wi... oh wait! There is! It's called literally anywhere besides your couch.

5. The "They Put Up the Holiday Tree": When large trees with lights go up in a city square or a Nordstrom, it's your obligation to do a slow-pan video from the bottom to the top with the heart eyes emoji. Thanks. We've never seen a tree, so this is super helpful. How about trying to deck the halls with boughs of originality this year?

If you couldn't infer the sarcastic, assholeish tone oozing between each line of this column, I'd get your "social awareness meter" checked by a professional.

For the love of all that is holy, stop Snapchatting me these photos or I'm going to do a can opener off the Tribune Tower.

Got more? I'm at [@theseanwow](http://www.youtube.com/user/SocialMediaPessimist). Let's pessimize together.

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news



Cards Against Humanity buys its workers in China a paid vacation

Cards Against Humanity—the popular party game business that pairs adult humor with a sometimes treachery side of social mission—bought workers at the Chinese factory that makes its game something they don't normally get: a paid vacation.

The Chicago-based firm said in a blog post that it used the money from one day of its "Eight sensible gifts for Hanukkah" promotion to pay for the treat.

Noting that "most companies don't like to draw attention to" the fact that they make their products in China and that "Americans often don't see the labor that goes into the things they buy," the company said it was "important to us to go above and beyond our obligation to the workers who make our game."

Since the Chinese printer that makes the games didn't have any formal procedures for paid vacations, Cards Against Humanity simply "bought 100% of the factory's capacity and paid them to produce nothing for a week, giving the people who make Cards Against Humanity an unexpected chance to visit family or do whatever they pleased," the blog post said.

The company said the factory has "excellent wages and working conditions" but that "Chinese working conditions are generally more strict" and that paid vacations are "very uncommon" in China. It acknowledged that the offer "doesn't undo the ways that all of us profit from unfair working conditions around the world," but said, "it's a step in the right direction." —KIM JANSEN, CHICAGO TRIBUNE

Gapers Block going on indefinite hiatus

One of Chicago's pioneering blogs, Gapers Block, is going on indefinite hiatus beginning Jan. 1.

In a letter posted to readers Friday, editor and publisher Andrew Huff said the site would remain accessible but with no new contributions for the foreseeable future.

"The site will remain up in archive form while we evaluate our options, which may include a redesign or sale," Huff said. "Thank you for your readership and contributions over the past 12-plus years."

Founded in 2003, Huff's site featured Chicago-focused postings on news, events, arts, food, music and other topics that drew a loyal following. Huff cited a number of factors behind the decision, including the conflicting demands of taking over his family's health care communications firm and the inability of the site to generate enough advertising income to pay an outside editor.



Huff was the primary contributor to the site, which was staffed mostly by volunteers.

"At this point, I think Gapers Block's model is just out of date," Huff said. "The site structure is out of step with the way online media functions, and while we provide a fantastic platform for local journalism, our audience is shrinking, and our opportunities for revenue are too." —ROBERT CHAMNIK, CHICAGO TRIBUNE

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Doug Baldwin of the Seattle Seahawks

GETTY IMAGES

THE NIGHT BEFORE A FANTASY FOOTBALL CHAMPIONSHIP



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The majority of your roster is in need of emergency care,

Jamaal Charles and Le'Veon Bell are injured, and the waiver wire is bare.

Winner take all, so you're playing for keeps,

As it's been a long season of trash talk with your peeps.

With your significant other ready to leave you, sick of all the fantasy crap,

You can't stop now, feverishly checking player projections on your app.

Then all of a sudden there is a loud bonk,

Could it be an update on the questionable Gronk?

'Twas the night before a fantasy football championship and as your running back takes it to the house,

You're checking the waiver wire, anxiously clicking your mouse.

The majority of

No time for Christmas cookies, or a mistletoe kiss,

You need to make a substitution 'cause lately **Doug Baldwin** can't miss.

Your phone then beeps with a jingle, it's something you must know

Marshawn Lynch is now probable he's gonna give it a go!

You then begin reflection on the RedEye column of the year,

That made you laugh so hard, your eyes began to tear.

With a writer known for baseball, his wit was pithy and quick,

You got more gifts from reading than you did from St. Nick.

From selecting a league trophy, to choosing your team name,

To how to spend your downtime, and upping your smack-talk game.

You then reflect on the season, before scarfing down Christmas Eve dinner,

It's Chargers and Raiders, **Philip Rivers** could make you a winner.

A big game from **Devonta Freeman** could

wrap your title with a bow,

Then you hear snow's expected in New York, and your nerves begin to show;

You have **Brandon Marshall**, and with the weather not looking fun,

You fear the Jets' game plan is for the pass to give way to the run.

You speak not a word and then go straight to work,

Filling your flex spot with a running back, hoping a replacement will work.

With a touchdown and field goal your confidence grows,

Your opponent started **Matt Ryan**; everyone knows that he blows.

Hopefully you win the big one, it was a long season after all,

MADNESS is the price of playing fantasy football.

So as Soxman signs off, and this weekly column goes out of sight,

I say, "MERRY CHRISTMAS TO ALL, AND TO ALL A GOOD NIGHT!"

Thanks for reading! Bring on baseball.
SOXMAN IS A REDEYE CONTRIBUTOR.

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Green Bay	10	4	-
Minnesota	9	5	1
Bears	5	9	5
Detroit	4	9	5½

Playing the blame game

RedEye

Despite a few highlights (Deonte Thompson's kickoff returns, a touchdown pass to Alshon Jeffery), Bears fans would have been better off skipping Sunday's 38-17 loss to Minnesota.

But it's the Bears, so there's no way we're going to stop talking about them. Even if they now will miss the playoffs for the eighth time in nine seasons.

If you want to praise someone, praise ...

- » Bears coach John Fox, for breaking out of his conservative shell momentarily. He called for an onside kick to open the second half, which the Bears recovered. Though any momentum it could have generated evaporated immediately when Jay Cutler fumbled.
- » Willie Young. For a guy supposedly playing out of position as a linebacker, he's got at least one sack in five straight games.

If you want to blame someone, blame ...

- » Cutler, who had a fumble and an interception. Despite his two TD passes, it was a far cry from last week's solid performance.
- » The offensive line, which was called for a holding penalty on the first play from scrimmage, wiping out a terrific gain by Matt Forte, and allowed five sacks.
- » Anyone who missed a tackle Sunday or got bulldozed into the end zone. Pick someone. Anyone.

Instead, you could have watched ...

- » The Baltimore game, if only for those senses-assaulting uniforms with the gold pants and purple jerseys. What the ... ?!

#LagunaPicks

All season, Laguna the Shedd Aquarium sea lion will predict the winner in Bears games. He picked Minnesota to win Sunday's game, which means he's 8-6. For more information on Laguna and sea lions, visit shedd aquarium.org.

FULL FORCE'

Did some movie come out this weekend? A couple of our panelists still have "Star Wars" on the brain.



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1	What is Jimmy Butler keeping in his fanny pack?	Alllll dat money.	His tickets to see "The Force Awakens." Gotta keep those close at all times!	Derrick Rose's prescriptions for the next injury. Which will be tonight. #Soft	Dice, a deck of cards, a bouncy ball and a toy dinosaur—a girl can dream, right?	More comments about Fred Hoiberg's coaching abilities.
2	If no one watches a college bowl game, did it really happen?	Even if it didn't, we'll always have the Beef 'O' Brady's Bowl in our minds.	I have no idea. I've been in this movie theater for the past 72 hours watching "Star Wars." What is sunlight?	Before New Year's Eve? Nope! Similar to the "Star Wars" prequels. #Crap.	This question is making me feel sad.	More important question: If no one sponsors a college bowl game, will it happen?
3	Is there anything more awkward than the Tom Brady-Donald Trump bromance?	Yes, Donald Trump being the current GOP front-runner.	Women online talking about how they find Adam Driver sexy in "The Force Awakens."	Yes, Carrie Fisher's plastic surgery in "The Force Awakens." See General Leia's TIGHT face. Worse than Trump's hair. #Yikes	It's like Tom Brady just searches for reasons to make me hate him even more.	When they try to figure out whose balls are more deflated.
4	Why are Blackhawks defensemen so adept at blocking shots?	They learned from Coach Q's mustache, the reigning world champion lip-blocker.	No, seriously, I keep hearing about how hot he is from gals on Reddit. And I'm like, "Ew, but those teeth."	Defense wins Championships. See 2010, 2013, 2015. Also, see Poe Cameron blow everything up in #StarWarsForceAwakens.	'Cause it's their job.	They have ONE job.
5	Two more Bears games left in the season. What will we know when it's over?	What it feels like to not watch our team in the postseason. AGAIN.	We'll get as much resolution to this Bears season as we did from Episode VII. NOW THE WAIT FOR EPISODE VIII!!	The Bears are who we thought they were. Mediocre. #JustLoseBaby	That the Steelers will be on their way to the Super Bowl. Wait sorry, Bears what?	That it's hibernation time. Again.

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That's how long the Blackhawks' Marcus Kruger will be out after surgery to repair his dislocated left wrist, team physician Michael Terry said in a statement on Friday. Kruger was injured after sliding into the boards during the Hawks' 4-0 victory over Edmonton on Thursday.

**They're No. 1 ... ish**

Northwestern's football team placed first in an annual academic ranking of the Top 25 football teams. The 10-2 Wildcats ranked No. 13 in the final College Football Playoff rankings, but had top marks in the classroom according to think tank New America. Notre Dame and Stanford rounded out the Top 3. Northwestern will play in the Outback Bowl on New Year's Day (11 a.m., ESPN2).

THE QUOTE

"It's disrespect. ... I'm going to knock your ass out of the game. ... At some point in the game—not with a cheap shot—I'm going to try to get a shot that puts you out for the day. That's the risk when you want to showboat all the time."

—Hall of Famer and former Bear **Richard Dent**, to USA Today, about Cam Newton's touchdown celebrations and what he would do to Newton if he were still playing. Newton and the Carolina Panthers defeated the N.Y. Giants 38-35 on Sunday, improving their record to 14-0.

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After two losses in a row (to Detroit in quadruple overtime on Friday, and to New York in a blowout on Saturday), the Bulls look to reverse the recent trend and improve to 16-10. The 7-20 Nets are currently second to last in the Eastern Conference.

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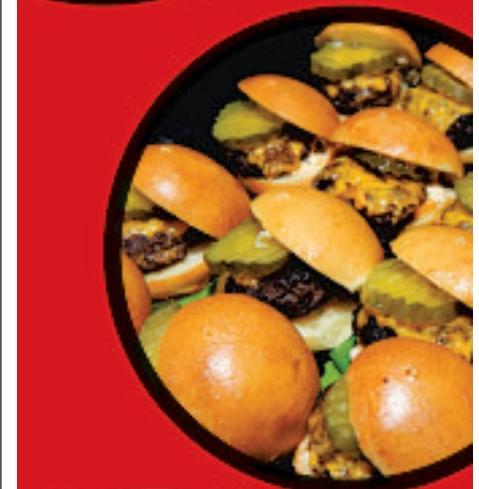
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A welcome distraction

For young Chicagoan, art offers way to escape pain, raise awareness of disease

By Leonor Vivanco | REDEYE

Megan Howard started drawing as she sat in unbearable pain in a Chicago hospital room, awaiting a skin graft to treat an ulcer on her leg.

The lines on the paper looked like nerves, eventually forming a vague image of a face that was screaming—an artistic, visual expression of her physical pain.

"When I saw it, it reminded me of the famous painting of 'The Scream' by Edvard Munch, and I thought that was appropriate with the way I was feeling," she said.

The 30-year-old woman living in Mayfair on the Northwest Side said she uses art as an outlet to help her deal with the pain of living with Behcet's disease, a rare disease.

She entered that piece of artwork—created two years ago during her hospital stay—into this year's Rare Artist Contest, sponsored by the EveryLife Foundation for Rare Diseases, to raise awareness of Behcet's disease and hopefully lead to more research and treatment.

Her "Screaming in Pain," a Prismacolor marker drawing, has the most votes on Facebook to date. The entry that gets the most online votes by Tuesday wins a \$500 gift card and a travel stipend to go to Washington, D.C., where the winning artwork will be displayed during Rare Disease Week in late February.

Behcet's disease causes the immune system to become confused and attack the body; it is more common in the Middle East and Japan than in the U.S., with symptoms ranging from mild to severe to even life-threatening, said Dr. Calvin Brown Jr., professor of medicine in

the division of rheumatology at Northwestern University's Feinberg School of Medicine.

When the immune system attacks the body, it can be extremely fatiguing, like when you catch a cold, he said. "You know how crummy you can feel. People with Behcet's have to live with that every day," said Brown, who does not treat Howard.

The disease is not contagious, but it can inflame the blood vessels, lead to blood clots and cause problems in the central nervous system, he said.

There is no cure for Behcet's disease, which tends to develop in young people in their 20s and 30s, and the exact cause is unknown, but it is believed that genetics and the environment can be factors, according to the National Institute of Arthritis and Musculoskeletal and Skin Diseases.

Diagnosing Behcet's disease can be difficult because no specific test confirms it and symptoms may not occur at the same time, Brown said.



Among Howard's symptoms: mouth ulcers explained away in the past as canker sores, skin lesions, headaches, joint pain and digestive problems.

She said a doctor referred her to a dermatologist who told her it appeared to be Behcet's disease and sent her to the Cleveland Clinic, where she was diagnosed and began treatment in 2004, when she was a college freshman studying graphic design.

An immunosuppressant drug worked for a few years until the symptoms returned with a vengeance in 2009 as she was working on her master's degree in art therapy, she said.

"My mouth ulcers were very deep. I couldn't even smile without it being so painful that I'd cry. I just felt so tired and burnt out," Howard said.

She went from walking around on campus at Adler University downtown to requiring a wheelchair because she was so fatigued. She was in and out of the hospital. She stopped being able to eat regularly and couldn't keep food down. She now uses a feeding tube.

Some medication has helped suppress the symptoms, she said, but the disease is not fully under control.

For her, art is welcome distraction. Her media ranges from drawing with markers to

painting with watercolors to glass torching for jewelry.

"When I am in a lot of pain and I don't want to take a pain pill, or I already have and it's not working, sitting there and drawing and focusing on what my hand is doing on the paper takes my mind away from the pain," Howard said.

When she has energy, she uses a torch to melt glass for an art piece or ventures outdoors for inspiration.

"My good day today could turn into my really bad day tomorrow if I push myself too far. So a good day is maybe getting a little sunshine and being able to see a little nature, [get] some rest and maybe work on some art and maybe [get] some rest again," Howard said.

She often grabs her journal next to her bed when she's not feeling well enough to get up.

Although the disease has taken away some independence as she relies on a caretaker, she still tries to stay positive.

"When you've lost the ability to do certain things that we take for granted every day, you look at those things differently," Howard said. "Everything I am able to do today, I'm just really thankful for and try to take advantage of and make the most out of life."

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Capricorn Dec. 22 - Jan. 19

You might enjoy amazing social fun this week with your sweetheart. Your horizons as a couple will expand thanks to friends. Then, on Friday, a full moon in your relationship sector will highlight the deep emotional connection you share with your mate. Feelings are not always comfortable for you to express, but thanks to your partner, you feel safe enough to try.

Aquarius Jan. 20 - Feb. 18

Your partner might use his or her money to help you in a new business endeavor. Or you may get the green light from your partner to move forward in a career transition without financial stress. He or she may be more than willing to handle expenses until you are in a happier position. Don't worry; job fulfillment is closer than you think. Expect happy news by Friday.

Pisces Feb. 19 - March 20

If you're in a relationship, you and your partner might take a trip abroad this week, or plan for one. Although this vacation may be pricey, the two of you will decide that it's completely worth it. If you're single, Friday's full moon could bring romantic opportunity your way. You'll look for a true emotional connection with someone; lucky for you, it'll be easy to find.

Aries March 21 - April 19

While you might feel as if you have to work extra hard this week, you won't mind one bit. Expect to feel extra generous with your lover and to feel completely appreciated in return. On Thursday or Friday it's possible that you and your sweetheart will enjoy a family gathering that will bring you closer together. Holiday spirit and a sense of family will run high.

Taurus April 20 - May 20

This week, you're certainly in the mood for love! On Friday it's possible that you and your partner will have an emotionally heartwarming conversation about your feelings for each other. You might even feel as if a dream has come true. If so, your love life is sure to be part of that equation.

Gemini May 21 - June 20

This week, your love life will somehow tie into your work and/or family life. If you're dating a co-worker, you may decide to bring him or her home to meet the family. Lucky for you, it appears that your entire clan will adore your sweetie! On Friday, you and your mate may have an emotional conversation about how you're using your talents. He or she might be instrumental in helping you see what you're really worth.

Cancer June 21 - July 22

Emotional fulfillment can be yours this week. You and your sweetheart might have so much to discuss that you're up until the wee hours of the morning! Whatever conversations you share will surely leave you feeling happier than ever about the state of your love life. Then, a full moon in your sign on Friday will continue to support you as you wear your heart on your sleeve.

Leo July 23 - Aug. 22

On Thursday, you and your sweetheart will have an extra special opportunity to enjoy time together in the comfort of your home. It's also possible that you'll spend time with extended family together, enjoying the moments tremendously. You'll feel appreciated and validated by the one you love. Beautiful!

Virgo Aug. 23 - Sept. 22

In many ways, you've won the cosmic jackpot and are likely enjoying incredible opportunity and joy. This certainly translates to your love life and can improve all of your relationships. On Thursday, you and your sweetie may have a game-changing conversation that is sure to bring you closer. This week, love truly is grand.

Libra Sept. 23 - Oct. 22

Your partner might be just the right person to help you get out of your comfort zone and show the world what you're truly made of. This week, it's possible that he or she will be quite encouraging, boosting your confidence to share talents that you typically keep behind closed doors. Your sweetheart will be like your personal cheerleader. Wonderful!

Scorpio Oct. 23 - Nov. 21

Your lover might be instrumental this week in helping you materialize one of your long-held aspirations. He or she may provide financial support, introduce you to a key person to help further your goal or simply be the unwavering source of support you need to keep believing in yourself. On Friday, the two of you may deepen your spiritual bond. You'll feel that soulmate connection deeply.

Sagittarius Nov. 22 - Dec. 21

There will be an emphasis for you this week on shared resources. If you're in a committed relationship, you and your partner might spend time figuring out a plan to tackle shared debt. Or you might be ready to make a joint investment—quite possibly with real estate. Alternatively, you and your spouse may decide to create a will together to ensure your family's financial future. You'll be glad you did.

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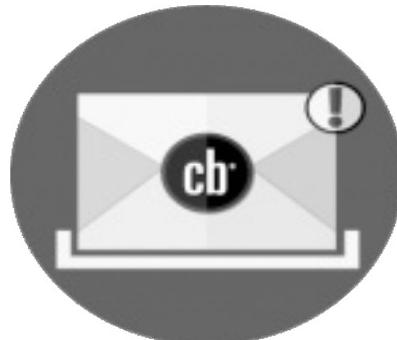
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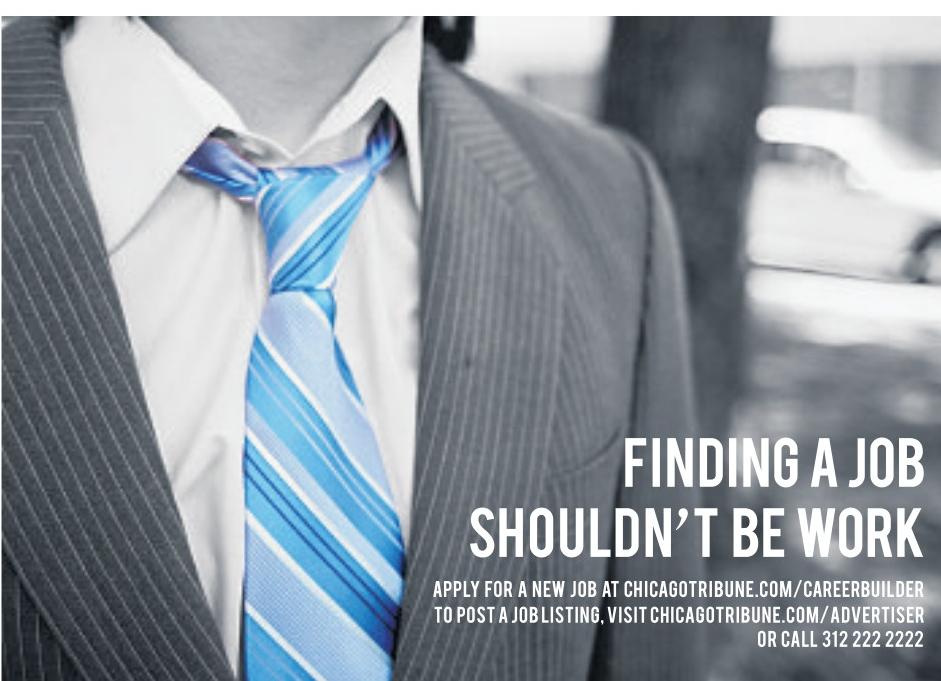
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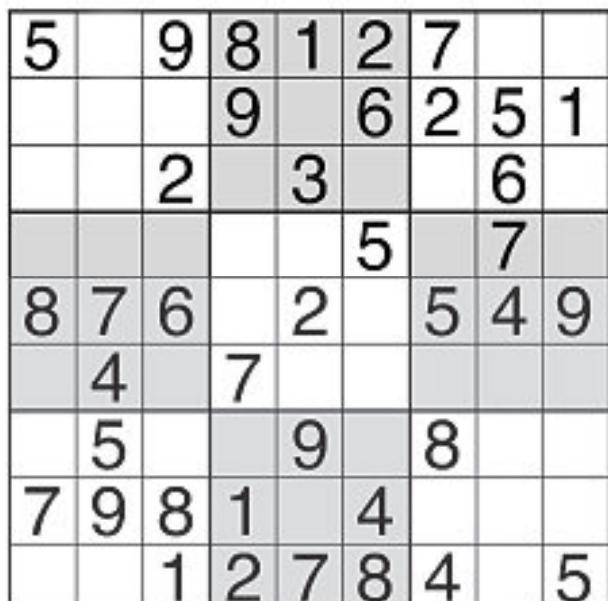
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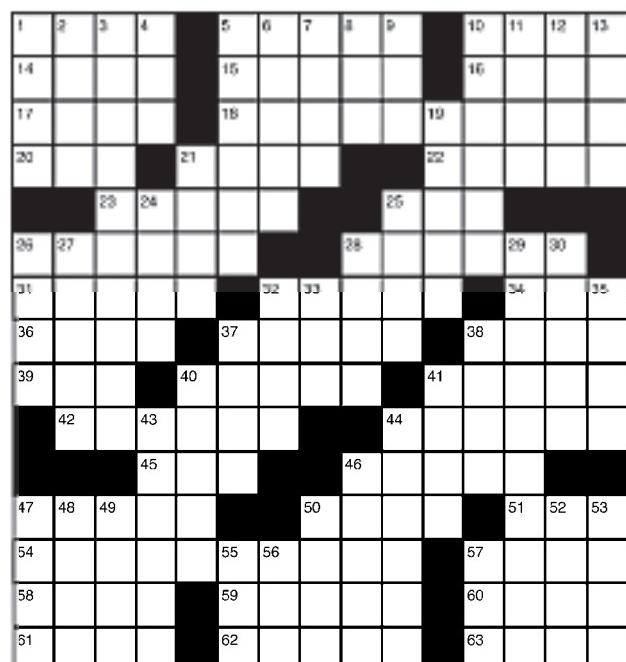
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THE DIGIT

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That's how much money **"Star Wars: The Force Awakens"** had made at the domestic box office this weekend as of Sunday morning, according to **variety.com**. The newest movie in the "Star Wars" franchise shattered the previous opening-weekend record of \$208.8 million set by "Jurassic World" over the summer, Variety reported.



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Holy [bleep], this could be huge

WHAT!!! According to **billboard.com**, sources are saying The Beatles are set to finally arrive on streaming services. That is huge news. According to Billboard, it could happen as soon as Dec. 24. None of this information has been confirmed by any streaming service, but damn, we are excited. Hot damn!

HOT DATE

Jan. 16

That's when Adam Driver ("Star Wars: The Force Awakens" and "Girls") will host "Saturday Night Live," according to **vulture.com**. There's no word yet on who the musical guest will be, but regardless, we're hoping for a "Girls" parody with Tina Fey, right, right?



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THE QUOTE

"There's a real culture of demanding apologies, and I'm opting out of that."

—**Tina Fey**, in an interview with Net-A-Porter, about the negative feedback to a subplot in "Unbreakable Kimmy Schmidt" that was deemed racist by people on the Internet. Fey said her goal is to not explain jokes; "I feel like we put so much effort into writing and crafting everything, they need to speak for themselves," she said.

Adele needs more shows

According to **vulture.com**, a whopping 10 million people tried to buy tickets for Adele's American tour. Yes, 10 million people. Only 750,000 tickets were available, Vulture reported.



Wowsa. So really all this means is that Adele should be performing more shows all around the country? Yes and please and thank you.

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